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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend marks the official start of the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign. Our parish target is $1,110,000 over five years. If this seems daunting to you, let me just say that this is my third capital campaign in 9 years, and all three raised that same amount of money in the same timeframe or even shorter. So, do not be afraid! God often uses our generosity to bless us in unexpected ways. This campaign is a very important way in which we can support the advancement of the Gospel through Catholic education. I want to remind you that this campaign does support Huron Valley Catholic School and Spiritus Sanctus Academy. As always with these campaigns, remember that a campaign is not meant to replace your regular giving to the parish; it is something that the bishop is asking you to discern in addition to that. That is one of the reasons why it is important to pray about it.

We will be showing the campaign video after all the masses; if you did not get a chance to see the campaign video, please let me know or visit the campaign website. This week you will be receiving a letter from Bishop Boyea. Some of you may have already received it. The letter includes a specific amount that I would like you to consider prayerfully; please remember that the amount on the letter is not an expectation, but an invitation. The bishop doesn't know exactly how much you have to give or how much you should give; the amount on the letter is based on your past generosity. So, please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this historic effort! Many of you will soon receive a call from a campaign volunteer, a fellow parishioner who will reach out to answer any questions you may have and assist with completing your pledge card if needed. They may also offer to schedule a time to meet with you personally. Be sure to say thanks for his/her dedication and commitment to the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign. Please pray for the success of this campaign and that it will bless our diocese for generations to come.

Blessings,

Fr. Dan

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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SJB STAFF TESTIMONY

Mariano Sastre

DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

Growing up in Ann Arbor in a family committed to Christ the King and covenant community life, it's hard to pinpoint when I first encountered the Lord, but I was steeped in ecumenical charismatic community life. At one point I was active in three youth programs, which I credit for not getting into trouble in both high school and college. This way of life and immersion in community allowed me to develop a deep sense of the Lord and enabled me to prioritize a relationship with him. This period formed my understanding of what real Christian relationships, support, and discipleship should/can look like.

In college I studied Adventure Education and Leadership on the east coast at a small liberal arts school. Let's just say this was not a supportive environment for a young Christian. By the grace of God and the foundation he had laid, I did not find myself lost or tangled up in the world's vices. This, however, does not mean I did not stray without the support of family, friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord to call me on and hold me accountable. I slowly sild away from practicing my faith. I would eventually have a transformative conversation that would change the trajectory of my life (feel free to ask me about this).

Later, married with four kids, my wife and I felt called by the Lord to mission. We originally thought this was going to be a community plant, for The Sword of the Sprit, in Kentucky. However, that door closed, but the Lord had stirred something in our hearts. Several month later the position of Director of Discipleship was announced at St. John's. I was intrigued so we prayed about it and ultimately decided it would not work. Fast forward to the beginning of Lent, the job was still open, and the Lord put it on my heart to apply and take the position (this is a gross simplification of the discernment process, but you can ask me for details). It has been a roller coaster and continues to be, but God is so good and has provided everything needed for my family and I to be here serving you all. The Lord is clearly at work at St. John the Baptist and I am grateful to be a part of it!

SJ Beat

THIS WEEK

MENS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, October 11th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

WORSHIP NIGHT
FRIDAY, October 17th
6:30 PM
in the Sanctuary

WOMENS BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, October 25th
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, November 5th
7pm
at the Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
Ypsilanti, MI

GIVE ONLINE

ypsicatholic.org/give

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

the RESCUE project

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RESCUE PROJECT

Our parish is hosting The Rescue Project—an eight-week experience of the Gospel through food, conversation, and prayer.

Please pray that hearts are opened, lives transformed, and all who attend encounter the beauty, hope, and power of Jesus and His salvation.

Thank you for your prayers!

CAMPUS MINISTRY MISSIONARY:

A THANK YOU TO THE PARISH

I would like to formally thank all of you for your great generosity both financially and most importantly with your prayers. With the Love of God working through you, I have not only met my goal, but have surpassed it with flying colors! I can't describe how grateful and blessed I feel to be part of a parish so generous and so eager to support the mission that God has called me to. In your generosity, the Lord has revealed to me another fulfillment of his promise to me. He has also been showing me more of his Fatherly love and breaking my heart for those who do not know Him. Because of your help, I will now be able to minister to the students in campus ministry and to those on campus that have not yet been encountered, in ways that I would not be able to do without you.

Campus ministry has already been so spirit-filled this school year and he continues to show up time and time again, softening hearts and filling them up. I will try my best to send monthly newsletters to all who are interested and all who have given. If you are interested in monthly newsletters, please contact me via email at scottw@ypsicatholic.org. Please continue to pray for me and the whole campus ministry as we attack the enemy and equip college students in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim Jesus!

In Christ,
Scott Wells
Campus Ministry Missionary

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

October 6th.....Faith, Hope, Charity: The Theological Virtues

October 13th.....Salvation, Justification, Merit & the Paschal Mystery

October 20th.....Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation

October 27th.....Sacraments: Eucharist, the Source and Summit of Christian Life

November 3rd...Sacraments: Eucharist, Part 2

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN TO SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE...

FALL OPEN HOUSE AT FGR

Father Gabriel Richard High School (FGR) warmly invites all middle school students and their families to our Fall Open House. Learn about our distinctive academics, athletics, visual and performing arts, and, most importantly, spiritual and faith enrichment opportunities. Meet our teachers, coaches, and students, and learn how you can grow to be the person God created you to be at FGR. Scan the QR code to register!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
6:00 – 8:00 PM
FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FALL YARD CLEANUPS FOR SENIORS

Spend a few hours on an autumn Saturday raking and sprucing up the yards of Catholic Charites of Washtenaw's senior clients. All ages are welcome, but minors need to be supervised by a responsible adult. This is a great opportunity for groups! Scan the QR code to register or email volunteer@ccwcwashtenaw.org.

OCTOBER 25TH AND
NOVEMBER 8TH
10AM - 1PM

focus on life
2025 Annual Benefit Dinner

WASHTENAW AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

Join the Washtenaw Area Right to Life for their annual Benefit Dinner to raise funds for the Pro-Life movement within the area. The evening will include food, fellowship, a silent auction, and a talk given by guest speaker Dr. Phil Fleming. Reservations begin at $45. Scan the QR code for more info.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
6 PM - CASH BAR & SILENT AUCTION
7 PM - DINNER AND PROGRAM
WASHTENAW GOLF CLUB, YPSI, MI

BE LOVE
REVOLUTION

TALITHA KOUM W/ FAITH FOSDICK

Calling all middle school girls! Be Love Revolution will be hosting speaker Faith Fosdick at their next Talitha Koum. This is an event for 6-8th graders that aims to empower them to live in full freedom and grow in a personal relationship with Jesus.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7-9PM
ST. FRANCIS ASSISI CENTER
ANN ARBOR, MI

SCAN TO
LEARN MORE...

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, you will hear from Catholic speakers, engage in praise and worship music, and celebrate holy Mass with our bishops.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9AM-5PM
LANSING CENTER, LANSING, MI

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Doris Adams

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
12:15 PM: † Bruce Ridley
Requested by Brice Ridley

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
8:00 AM: For the deceased members of the Campbell & McCully families
Requested by Leanna McCully

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
8:00 AM: † Paul Van Slambrouck
Requested by Sally Van Slambrouck

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
8:00 AM: † Noreen Muckey
Requested by Ellen Gibson

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
8:00 AM: † Fay Purcell
Requested by Andrew Mills

5 PM: Intentions of Dcn Wayne and Linda Charlton

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
9:00 AM: † Terry Dick
Requested by The Dick Family

11 AM: People of the Parish

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- SJB is giving away the following tech equipment:
  1. 4x AP2000G Amped Wireless Router
  2. 1x APA2600M Amped Wireless Router
  3. 1x JTDAT5CH J-Tech HDMI to RCA Audio Converter

Call the office at 734-483-3360

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

OCTOBER 7TH, 2025

The Holy Rosary originated in 1212 when Saint Dominic de Guzman saw the Virgin Mary who gave him the Rosary as a response to his prayer to understand how to combat the Albigensian heresy. The subsequent defeat of this heresy led to viewing the recitation of the Rosary as an instrument in finding refuge and comfort, strength and confidence in facing and overcoming the difficulties encountered in life, finding in the Rosary beads a "shield" to defeat heresy. Both the fact that the Rosary is a gift of the Virgin Mary herself, as well as its simplicity, fostered the practice of this devotion among the faithful which Pope Francis calls the "mysticism of the people". It is in this light that something that happened in 1571 can be understood. The Ottoman Turks were advancing toward Europe's borders. In response, the Holy League was formed to halt them. Dominican Pope Pius V, who was very devoted to Our Lady, blessed the banner depicting the Crucifix flanked by the Apostles Peter and Paul, surrounded by the Emperor Constantine's motto: In hoc signo vinces. (By this sign you shall conquer.) This standard, together with the image of the Madonna and the inscription S. Maria succurre miseris (Holy Mary, help of those in need), were the only two flags that flew among all the ranks that composed the Holy League.

Contemporaneously, the Pope asked the entire Christian people to unite themselves through the recitation of the Holy Rosary for the success of the battle which took place on 7 October 1571. The Holy League was victorious. It was apparent to everyone that the victory had been obtained through divine intervention. In 1572, Pius V established the Feast of Our Lady of Victories.

His successor, Gregory XIII, changed it to "Our Lady of the Rosary". In the same way, other victories were also attributed to the Rosary, such as that of Vienna in 1683, thanks to the intervention of Blessed Mark of Aviano, where – also due to divine intervention and trust in the Virgin Mary – the advance of the Ottomans was halted.

Today, believers who are devoted to the Rosary see in it an instrument given by the Virgin Mary as a means to contemplate Jesus. By meditating on His life, they are led to love and follow Him. It is interesting to note that in various apparitions, such as Lourdes and Fatima, the Virgin encouraged the recitation of the Rosary, begging insistently that it be recited daily in order to overcome division, discord, the disturbances of our hearts, for family relations and those among peoples.
Today, the most famous Shrine in the world dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary is in Pompei. Its particular feast is celebrated on 8 May, and the origins of the shrine began with an image of Our Lady placed in a chapel in Pompei by Blessed Bartholomew Lungo in the middle of the 19th century.

Article from Vatican News: www.vaticannews.va

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 11TH & OCTOBER 12TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker Roger Michna Josh Reszke Need Volunteer	John Belleba Shawn Lenhardt Angela Parrinello Christine Sullivan	Fred Hall Aimee Uram-Taylor Wendy Winnie Vince Zahm
GREETERS		
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LECTORS		
Ellen Gibson Maggie Sell	Rebecca Lussier Van Vandagriff	Jack Lynch David Stolarski
SACRISTAN		
ADULT: Need Volunteer JUNIOR: Need Volunteer	ADULT: Maralee Meyer JUNIOR: Need Volunteer	ADULT: Melissa Florian JUNIOR: Need Volunteer
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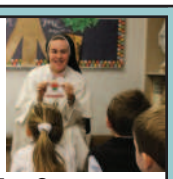
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